

**Senate.**—WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The senate showed its first signs of animation today, and, although the session lasted only until 2:45, there was time enough for several brisk debates. Mr. Vest's efforts to secure a change in the rules in order to expedite senate business was the chief topic of discussion. The billfulness of a discussion of rules was offset by the valent feeling that cloture would have much to do at this particular time with pending tariff bills affecting coal, iron and sugar. Mr. Vest was formerly opposed to cloture, but today he announced his conversion to it. The speaker was cooperative to maintain the dignity and self-respect of the senate and the esteem of

And, the statement, correction of charges especially over connecting roads is a matter of uncertainty, lack of regularity so that it justifies across carelessness and disregard of the shipping public. In the view of the railroad, the report says:

It is for the consideration of pooling without other remedy is inadvisable. Pooling of rates to be approved by the board and rendered capable of easy regulation with accompanying legislative action, we believe, is the safest, tried, and government ownership of railroads. The commission refrains from expressing an opinion.

The commission includes in its report the following recommendations for the railroads for the year ending

Last night, has been the main subject of comment in diplomatic and official circles today. It was scammed with great interest, as it gave the first exact details of the instrument by which the United States recognizes Japan as a first-class power in the sisterhood of nations. Rough summaries of the treaty—based on guesses—were given in the columns of this paper, but the publication through the Associated Press was the first opportunity offered to inspect a verbatim copy of a document which is guarded with the strictest secrecy.

The treaty shows how fully the United States recognizes Japan as a first-class nation, has now as an enlightened, modern nation. All previous treaties have been based on the theory that the relics of a barbarous empire were to be gradually discarded. Accordingly she was not allowed

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